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What is the Japanese Young Women's Christian Association?

Its Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan

Its Committees Largely Japanese

Its Membership Japanese

Its Plan of Work Japanese

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¶ The Japanese Young Women's Christian Association is almost ten years old. Its influence reaches throughout Japan. Tens of thousands of women students throng the educational institutions of this Gateway Empire of the East.

¶ The Young Women's Christian Association provides for the students in Tokyo,—the one city where it is ready for work—Bible classes and hostels. The hostels are not only a safeguard to the student women, but each year numbers of the students are won to the allegiance of Christ.

¶ The government of Japan employs thousands of women in the postal and telegraph offices, and the hospitals have under training thousands of nurses. These women, to whom modern life is an all-absorbing and strenuous experiment, respond eagerly to the efforts of the Association in opening to them a higher life.

¶ The factories of Japan have gathered in more than half a million women from the picturesque countryside to a hard day of fifteen hours of unremitting labor, and to nights spent within the dormitories on the factory grounds. For these the Association has made a beginning of work.

¶ The excellent system of railways exists because the Japanese people travel constantly. In Tokyo and Yokohama there is provided Traveler's Aid work, which service to the community constantly grows.

¶ In the congested sections of Tokyo, neighborhood classes and kindergarten work are already under way, thus affording an outlet to Japanese young women for Christian activity.

¶ Business girls in Yokohama have organized a branch with rest rooms and club rooms; a Japanese secretary is in charge.

¶ The Association homes, both national and local, are the centers for Bible classes, socials and community meetings. Some of the most influential men of Japan — pastors, business men, government officials — are warm in their support of the organization.

¶ Osaka, Kyoto and Sendai, the leading cities of the Empire, are asking for secretaries. Japan has four American, two Canadian, and one British secretary. Four secretaries and a building for Tokyo are urgently required during the present year.